Strengthening Community and Economic Development in Minneapolis

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Minneapolis faces five critical challenges related to community and economic development

- Over the last decade, housing affordability and availability have decreased, and job growth lagged the suburbs and the national average. Housing and job creation should be designated top priorities for city resources and investments, and should be the primary drivers of city development
- Transportation, education, and community building are also critical priorities, and while not the focus of the city's resources and investments the city must track the progress of accountable entities and keep these priorities in mind when designing its own investments and programs

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We have gathered data and opinions from a variety of sources

KEY SOURCES

- Conducted 311 interviews with stakeholders
 - -87 internal/224 external
 - -75 business owners/leaders
 - -29 neighborhood associations
- Received 978 responses to web survey*
 - -88 business owners
 - 123 neighborhood group leaders
 - -767 residents
- Reviewed more than 125 documents
- Conducted periodical and academic literature searches

^{*} Internet survey respondents were a self-selecting group, and may not reflect the views of the city's entire population

Minneapolis faces five critical challenges related to development

CITY DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES

Key findings Recommendations Over the last decade. Housing - Rents and home prices have increased over 10% faster than income The city sustained a net loss of 1.882 housing units - Housing quality has deteriorated significantly, with units rated "average minus" or below by city inspectors moving from 13.1% in Internal and external 1995 to 21.5% in 1999 interviews and data confirm - The homeless rate in the metro increased 67% these as high priorities • 93% of interviewees and 50% of Internet survey respondents indicated that housing is a top priority City should set clear targets and focus efforts on meeting • Job growth in Minneapolis lags the suburbs and the national average Job and business needs A 1999 Brookings Institute study ranked Minneapolis 76th out of 92 creation cities on the difference between urban and suburban job growth 87% of interviewees indicated job/business creation is a top priority 71% of Internet survey respondents felt it is deserving of public funding Traffic congestion is worsening Work closely with state and **Transportation** • Minneapolis lags peers in availability of mass transit Met Council to ensure city's needs are met Integrate into broader city development strategy, leveraging investments Limited interaction between city and public schools Work closely with the school Education Public school graduation rate is 41 points below state average district to support efforts to • Public schools and local colleges not leveraged to improve work force improve the educational system Community building Neighborhood attractiveness, civic engagement, low crime rates, parks, Coordinate with other city and arts, and libraries all contribute to the vibrancy of the city and its non-city entities to support and attractiveness for residents and investors integrate efforts

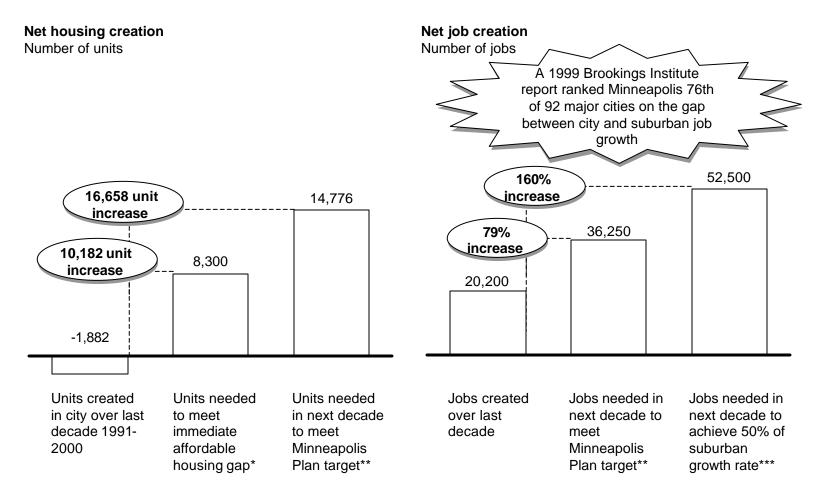
Note: For details on key findings, see the Phase I summary report, released March 26 Source: Interviews; Internet survey results as of 03/19/02

community building

Increasing diversity creating new challenges and opportunities for

Over the last decade, housing availability decreased and job growth in Minneapolis significantly lagged the suburbs. To improve performance, jobs and housing should be designated top city development priorities

HOUSING AND JOB CREATION GOALS



^{*} Shortage as defined by HUD (based on 1990 census data)

^{** 50%} of 2020 Minneapolis Plan high growth targets of 16,600 housing units and 72,500 jobs. Revised 4/9/02

^{***} Assumes 1996-2000 suburban job growth rate of 3.0% per year continues

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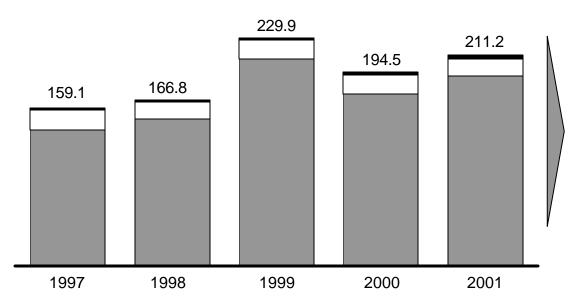
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Planning

1. Over the past 5 years, considerable city spending made limited progress against housing and job creation needs, suggesting that Minneapolis will be unable to meet its development needs using current approaches

MCDA, NRP, AND PLANNING SPENDING



- Over the past 5 years the city has spent a total of \$961.5 million
 - Planning \$13.3 million
 - NRP \$91.7 million
 - MCDA \$856.5 million
- During that time the city has
 - Gained 52 housing units
 - Seen declines in housing quality and affordability
 - Had a job growth rate that significantly lags suburbs

Note: Departments had focus on and impact in other development areas beyond housing and job creation Source: MCDA and Planning Budget Reports

As the city's financial situation is currently uncertain, the city may have to do more with less money to address the situation

FINANCIAL SITUATION

City budget crunch

 60% increase over historic tax growth required to meet current city plans and commitments

TIF revenue crunch

- 2001 property tax reform decreased TIF revenue significantly
- Deferred debt service payments started in 2001
- Net loss about \$40 million/ year

City will have substantially less money for development activity

Federal funding cuts

- President's proposed budget would
 - Reduce CDBG and HOME grant funding
 - Eliminate Empowerment Zone funding
 - Potential loss \$4 million-10 million per year

State funding cuts

- State redevelopment funding and DTED grant programs for brownfield cleanup could be curtailed
- State aid to cities will probably not be cut this year but will be "on the table" during future legislative sessions (state government funding comprised \$151 million of city 2002 budget)
- Potential loss: \$2 million-6 million per year; more if aid to cities reduced

Note: Revised March 25, 2002

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CITY LEADERSHIP'S ROLE IN DEVELOPMENT

Leadership responsibilities Current issues Setting strategy is the primary Current citywide strategy lacks Setting development responsibility of the critical elements for success strategy Mayor and Mayor and City Council Current citywide strategy not Council spend broadly understood very little time Strategic decisions effectively on strategy made throughout the city without central coordination If overall strategy is crafted Current decision-making processes Making well with clear objectives, not clearly tied to citywide priorities project Time spent on • Project prioritization is not apparent project decisions will fall decisions project naturally from the strategy there is no formal trade-off decisions not In current role as MCDA Board of mechanism for most decisions used effectively Commissioners, City Council Decisions perceived as political – makes individual project decisions due in part to dual role of Ultimate responsibility for commissioners development projects falls on Mayor and City Council Under current city structure. No central person or management Executing Mayor and City Council are jointly system to coordinate city efforts vision and **Execution is less** and make cross-departmental responsible for overseeing and projects efficient and managing execution of trade-offs effective due to development vision and projects Evaluation of development city structure/ entities not tied to clear

goals/measures

autonomous actors

· Department heads perceived as

governance

3. The city's current approach to development lacks key elements critical to success, including clear priorities and measurable short and long term goals

EVALUATION OF CURRENT CITYWIDE DEVELOPMENT APPROACH

	Key element	What is happening?	What is missing?	
1	Specific and measurable goals	 Minneapolis Plan gives long-term job and housing growth targets Consolidated Plan identifies current gap in housing units 	Ownership and commitment to citywide long-term goalsCitywide annual targets	No citywide goals
2	Key strategies for attaining goals	 City plans give outline of potential strategies for select areas Individual departments make experience-based decisions on strategies 	 Broad effort to prioritize strategies based on effectiveness Strategies not tied to specific goals Limited efforts to learn and adopt best practices from other cities 	No clear prioritization of strategies
3	Clear priorities	 Minneapolis Plan provides potential starting point for priority setting process Strong indication of citizens' priorities from election, surveys, and interviews 	 Clear, joint statement of Mayor and City Council's development priorities Specific identification of target geographies, populations, industries, housing types, etc. 	No clear city- wide priorities
4	Clear assignments and responsibilities for attaining goals	Departments operate under traditional distribution of functions	 Departments and individuals not evaluated on achievement toward goals Clear ultimate authority to hold accountable 	Performance evaluation not tied to meeting goals
5	Resource allocation across priorities and strategies	City budgeting allocations made at department level	 Budget for TIF projects Limited direction to entities (particularly NRP) 	Resource allocation not tied to citywide priorities

Source: Interviews; team analysis

4. The city development spending strategy focuses almost exclusively on physical (e.g. real estate) development, neglecting other attractive approaches, levers and tools

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY MATRIX

EXAMPLE ACTIVITIES

Percent of MCDA, NRP, and Planning development spending, 2001

100% = \$151 million Subsidizing major commercial Linking entrepreneurs with Business/ development projects external start-up funds and 64.2% · Providing funds for storefront commercial technical assistance renovation Providing workforce training Partnering with the University to create iobs 1.4% Financing for major Reducing barriers/hurdles for multi-family private development Focus of Housing Establishing land trusts to development projects development* Funding loans for housing create long-term affordability renovation 26.7% Coordinating key players (e.g. Family Housing Fund, Habitat) 0.6% to maximize their impact Preserving historic buildings Creating youth development Financing arts center programs · Conducting safety/crime Other construction Supporting community prevention programs community center renovation Supporting arts programs building 4.8% 2.3% Physical (real estate) Opportunity

Type of development**

Note: Does not include \$383,130 of NRP funds being recategorized through audit; some funding sources have restricted uses

Source: MCDA; Planning Department; team analysis

^{*} Business-commercial includes commercial corridor development, small business loans, and job training; Neighborhood/housing includes housing loans and developments, homeowner training, etc.; Other includes park and school improvements, bike trails, etc.

^{**} Physical includes new construction, renovations, improvements, equipment, etc.; opportunity includes non-physical items such as training classes, programming, etc.

...while many other cities use non-physical "opportunity development" strategies to spur private investment, supplementing limited city development funds

EXAMPLES OF OPPORTUNITY DEVELOPMENT

<u>ILLUSTRATIVE</u>

- The city's current strategy is focused on physical (real estate) development
 - 95.7% of MCDA, NRP, and Planning dollars spent on physical development
- Other development levers have been neglected – in particular those which lay the foundation for private investment in priority areas

	Housing/job creation initiatives	Location
	Developed fast-track pre-permitting process – communities select sites for specific economic development and identify all permits required for making the sites shovel-ready	New York City, NY
	Worked with university to create biotechnology research park and incubator	Richmond, VA
	Sponsors annual conference to bring together venture capital firms with companies seeking financing	New York City, NY
,	Created a fund to match volunteer labor, materials, and cash for neighborhood projects	Seattle, WA
	Launched a region-wide marketing campaign, utilizing volunteer local professionals, to attract engineers to the area	San Diego, CA
	Partnered with local universities and businesses to develop and market a life sciences industry cluster	St. Louis, MO
	Contracts with local community development corporations (CDCs) to develop affordable housing	Cleveland, OH

Note: See Feb 21 Phase 1 Interim Report for more complete discussion of development levers Source: Interviews; city web sites; literature search

5. Minneapolis also lacks a number of clear development management processes

PROCESS ISSUES IN DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

- There is little City Council direction on how development resources should be allocated, both on project and program levels
- For most development projects, there are no prioritization or trade-off mechanisms to allocate spending between projects
- There is no TIF spending budget or targets
- No regular meetings are held between the MCDA and the City Council to inform them of prospective projects and help plan the use of funds
- No emergency funds are put aside to support projects particularly well aligned with city goals as they arise

"We make major decisions on how to spend city money based on when proposals come in. We should be having competitive reviews to pick the best projects."

City Council Member

"Without having a clear budget it's impossible for us to truly set priorities."

– City Council Member

"We have no clear direction from the Council on how much TIF financing it is appropriate to provide or which type of projects should or should not be financed using TIF."

- MCDA Official

"The business community would have been much tougher on TIF decisions than the city has been – especially in determining whether financing was really needed."

Business Leade

6. Development planning is fragmented across many city entities, resulting in a lack of coordination of activity

DEVELOPMENT PLANNING IN MINNEAPOLIS

City planning processes are uncoordinated

- The Minneapolis Plan
- The Consolidated Plan
- MCDA Plan
- MCDA Area Plans
- MPHA 5-Year Strategic Plan
- MPHA Annual Agency Plan
- Planning Department Area Plans
- Public Works Capital Improvement Plan
- Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Plan
- Light Rail Transit Corridor Plans
- Minneapolis Library Board Plan
- NRP Neighborhood Plans (66 plans for 81 different neighborhoods)
- Neighborhood-developed master plans
- Area plans developed by business/citizen groups (e.g., Lake Street Council)
- Capital Long-Range Infrastructure Plan
- Metropolitan Council Transportation Plan

- The city has over 80 different plans derived by a wide array of city departments and external entities
- These plans are a result of separate planning processes in many entities, including NRP,
 Public Works, MPHA, and Parks & Recreation
- Plans are often developed without knowledge of what other agencies and departments are planning or developing
- As a result, plans are often poorly coordinated or even contradictory

Source: Interviews; literature search

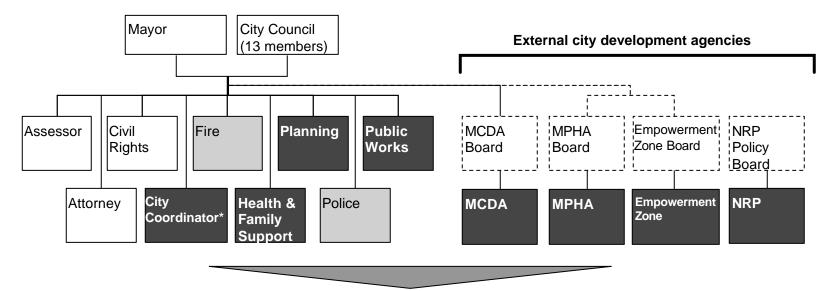
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CURRENT CITY ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Involved in plan review process

Performs development activities

---- Appointing (not reporting) relationship



Flat organization with fragmented responsibility for development

- Department heads are autonomous and at equal level
- No central person to coordinate execution of city development activities
- No central figure is accountable for performance on development issues
- No robust performance management system to compensate for lack of central accountability
- No clear process for cross-department decision making

^{*} Operations and Regulatory Services, located within the City Coordinator's office, performs zoning, inspections, licensing, and many other development-related functions

8. Poor customer service due in part to fragmentation of development activities across many city departments makes it difficult to do business with the city

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY BY DEPARTMENT/ENTITY

City Council MCDA NRP Planning Regulatory Services Fire

Police

· Oversees all city development activity

- Serves as MCDA Board of Commissio-ners
- Hears appeals

 Finances projects • Manages creation of area plans

Purchases and sells land

Finances neighborhood projects

 Manages creation of neighborhood plans

 Reviews projects and gives approvals

- Provides input on design · Creates citywide and area
- master plans

 Approves projects through zoning and inspections

- Carries out project inspections
- Grants licenses
- Approves new developments
- Inspects work for compliance

• Provides design input on projects

Public Works

- Approves plans for compliance Designs and constructs
- infrastructure
- Inspects work

Health and Family Support

Houses Minneapolis Employment Training Program

Civil Rights

Approves and monitors contract compliance (>\$50k)

Parks and Recreation

- Improves/builds park facilities
- Rep on Planning Commission
- Rep on NRP Policy Board and MRT

Libraries

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Schools

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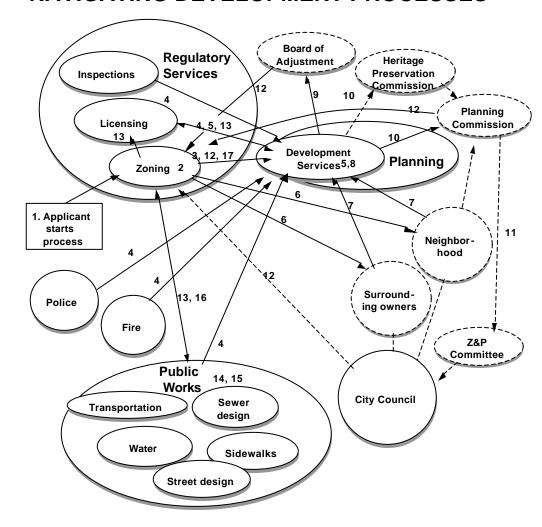
Empowerment Zone Finances building and jobs projects

- No "point person" to field all queries and guide the applicant through the process and multiple departments
 - Different departments give contradictory advice
 - 55% of business-owner survey respondents had to approach 3 or more city departments before starting their business, and 50% dealt with at least 5 different people from the city
- Reported lack of coordination/consistency between and within departments leads to confusion and uncertainty
 - Different staff members within the same department give conflicting advice/determinations
- 31% of business-owner survey respondents who needed permits to start their businesses waited over 3 months to have completed applications approved
- Lack of customer service orientation or sense of urgency about the whole process

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One symptom of this fragmentation is the difficult path projects can follow to receive city approval

NAVIGATING DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES



Note: This indicates the path for a project with some complexity (e.g., a business renovation). Many small residential applications can be processed by Zoning only with no variances

Source: Interviews

EXAMPLE

Infrequent path
Majority of cases

Key steps in zoning/planning application¹

- 1. Applications lodged at Zoning.
- 2. Assessed for completeness and code compliance
- Referred to Planning (Development Services) if required.
- Preliminary plan review meeting to gain input from other departments (Fire, Police, Inspections, Licensing, Public Works).
- Planning assesses against the code, plan and other city policies. Liaises with licensing on relevant conditions (e.g. number of parking spaces)
- 6. Zoning issues notices to neighborhood groups and surrounding properties.
- Neighborhood and adjoining owner feedback received by Planning
- 8. Planning prepares recommendations for hearings at commission/s and Board of Adjustment
- 9. Heard by Board of Adjustment if variance only.
- Heard by Planning Commission if multiple issues (and Heritage Preservation Commission if relevant)
- If an appeal is made, application goes to Zoning & Planning Committee and then council
- 12. Copies of approved plans lodged at Planning, then routed to Zoning for stamp-off.
- Zoning transfers documents to Licensing and Public Works
- Public Works and Licensing review drawings.
 Sign off or make recommendations for changes as required.
- 15. Public Works sends plans to applicant or applicant collects.
- 16. Copies of drawings returned to Zoning
- 17. Zoning transfers documents to Planning

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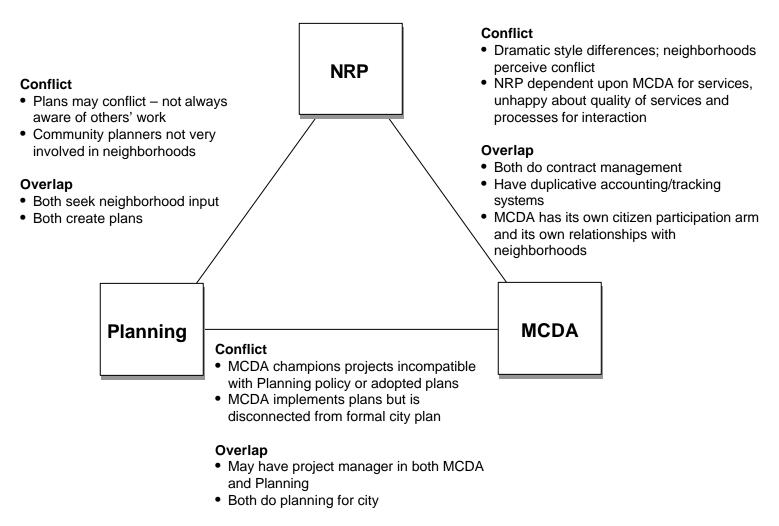
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KEY FINDINGS ON MAIN DEVELOPMENT ENTITIES

	Strengths	Limitations
MCDA	 Has completed many high-impact projects Has helped to spur considerable development in downtown Minneapolis and along the riverfront Is considered an effective project manager for major, complicated projects Has taken proactive steps to improve its internal operations Helps access non-city public dollars Finance programs allow people to access capital they otherwise could not, and are generally viewed as effective Some staff are considered very strong and productive although others are viewed as weak and/or unproductive 	 Processes are viewed as highly political and many perceive an uneven playing field when competing for MCDA attention and resources Reacts to financing requests rather than proactively seeking ways to facilitate development Provides lots of help for publicly-funded projects but does not offer same services for private initiatives Viewed as aligned with developers or political interests rather than overall city interests Has separate, parallel functions to city (e.g., Finance, HR, Legal Counsel)
Planning Department	 Generally considered competent, thoughtful planners Has a professional staff and is supported by independent commissions of experts 	 Does not proactively shape development strategy Development services staff feel their job is to ensure projects are within the scope of the code while developers consider them inflexible and uncreative Has trouble retaining and progressing staff Under-resourced – unable to perform valuable functions effectively (e.g., sustain strong community relationships, promote plans)
NRP	 Involves citizens in their communities Utilizes local knowledge to plan locally Empowers neighborhoods Has produced numerous high-impact projects Governing entities bring together key stakeholders and decision makers 	 Neighborhood processes have shortcomings Participation and leadership not always representative Some neighborhoods lack needed expertise and/or guidance Neighborhood boundaries limit scope of development perspective and are difficult to work across No formal mechanism to guide neighborhood spending in accordance with citywide priorities Some perceive independence of program has contributed to "us vs. them" attitude with city Program structure has bred feeling of entitlement for funds rather than drive to compete for the best ideas and development opportunities

...but there are conflicts and frictions in areas where department duties intersect

INTER-AGENCY ISSUES



Significant issues also arise in other development-related departments, including Public Works, Regulatory Services...

ISSUES IN DEVELOPMENT-RELATED DEPARTMENTS

Public Works

Issues

- People consider the department cumbersome to deal with as they have to consult with multiple people with different areas of expertise/jurisdiction (e.g., sidewalks, transportation, street design, sewers)
- Reported competent engineering capabilities, but limited project management skills to run complex projects with multiple stakeholders and interface with public/private sector

Conflicts

- Seen as sometimes holding up development work as they are protective of carrying out the majority of design and construction work
- Capital Improvement Plan drives their work
 - Seen as being inflexible to other proposals
 - Developed outside of city planning process

Overlaps

 Capital works projects may overlap with MCDA or NRP-sponsored development

Regulatory Services

Issues

- Construction inspections are onerous, time-consuming, and inconsistent
 - Multiple inspectors will visit each project to review different things at different times
 - Multiple inspections carried out by each inspector
 - Some customers complain of same individual giving contradictory advice on separate occasions
- Businesses claim that obtaining liquor licenses is particularly time-consuming and onerous
- Permitting and licensing was most often cited as one of the most negative aspects of doing business in Minneapolis by business owners responding to the development survey
- Different zoning staff reported to give contradictory interpretations of the code

Conflicts

 Zoning and Planning occasionally have different interpretations of the code

Overlaps

- Zoning and Planning both deal with development applications
- Leads to confusion for applicants who deal with different departments for intake and evaluation
- Potential doubling of work (i.e. ordinance assessment)

...and many other city entities

ISSUES IN DEVELOPMENT – OTHER ENTITIES

	What we've heard	Illustrative quotes
Police	 Parallel system in neighborhoods (Block Clubs) is not related to NRP activities Secretive in their dealings and agenda Perception of high turnover among CCP/SAFE officers Allegations of racial profiling 	"The Police Department's Citizen Engagement Program is completely separate and they won't cooperate and share info." — NPO Leader
Parks & Recreation	 Seen as removed from the neighborhood and community development process Unresponsive and unaccountable to neighborhoods 	 "Every neighborhood worked on their park through the NRP, and every one of them ended up mad at the Park Board." County Official
Schools	 Claims of being difficult to work with Sometimes reluctant to allow community members use NRP-improved facilities 	 "Schools should be providing opportunity development, but they're reactive. There are no vocational training programs." County Official
Fire	 Not customer oriented Reported to take a long time to approve development applications Will hold up construction if inspections need to be done 	 "They have no qualms about holding up approvals." City Official
Empowerment Zone	 Disconnected from citywide development decision processes Funds projects similar to other agencies, including real estate and other work force development 	 "The Empowerment Zone has its own set of funding and its own goals. They should work more closely with other city entities to fund development." City Official
Health & Family Support	Employee development not integrated into other job creation activities	 "The Minneapolis Employment and Training Program is not a perfect fit under the Health and Family Support Department. It might be better placed in the MCDA." City Employee
Civil Rights	Review process can cause delays	

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SETTING CITYWIDE GOALS – HOUSING AND JOB CREATION

Housing

Potential overarching goals

- Net housing units created
- Net gain in affordable units

Potential subgoals

- New units in target locations (e.g. impacted areas; rental units in neighborhoods)
- Single vs. multi-unit increases
- New owner-occupied rental units
- Units affordable to target groups (e.g. seniors, families earning <30% of MMI)
- Increased diversity of housing choices

Job/business creation

Potential overarching goals

Net new jobs created

Potential subgoals

- Net gain in target job types
- Net job growth in target industries
- Average wage level
- New jobs in target locations
- Increase in job or business opportunities for selected demographic groups (e.g. recent immigrants)

- Citywide development targets should be
 - Set by City Council and Mayor to support development objectives
 - Aggressive but attainable using limited city resources
 - Limited in number
 - Focused on highest priority aims
 - Supplemented by department level performance metrics
- The city should also monitor progress on other important issues, including transportation, education, and community building using similar measures

The city should adopt four new processes to ensure better strategic planning and development management

RECOMMENDED NEW DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES

Description

Strategic Planning Process

- A major reevaluation of development priorities, goals, strategies, and organization every four years. Annually, a review of progress against goals and refinement of strategies if necessary
- Provide clear direction to city development staff on city goals and priorities and preferred strategies for making progress toward these initiatives

Goals of process

Performance Management

- Regular goal setting and performance evaluation for individual departments, with clear consequences/interventions if goals are not met
- Provide explicit expectations and incentives for department performance, and gauge progress toward stated goals
- Provide immediate support to struggling departments

Project Selection and Prioritization

- A mechanism to make clear, intelligent tradeoffs between development options based on city strategy and priorities
- Award city support and development spending to the highest impact projects available
- Ensure an even playing field for developers

Customer Service Improvement

- Regular diagnosis and repair of problems with development/regulatory processes which make it difficult to develop housing and businesses in Minneapolis
- Make the city an easier place to do business, encouraging both more construction and more business startups in the future

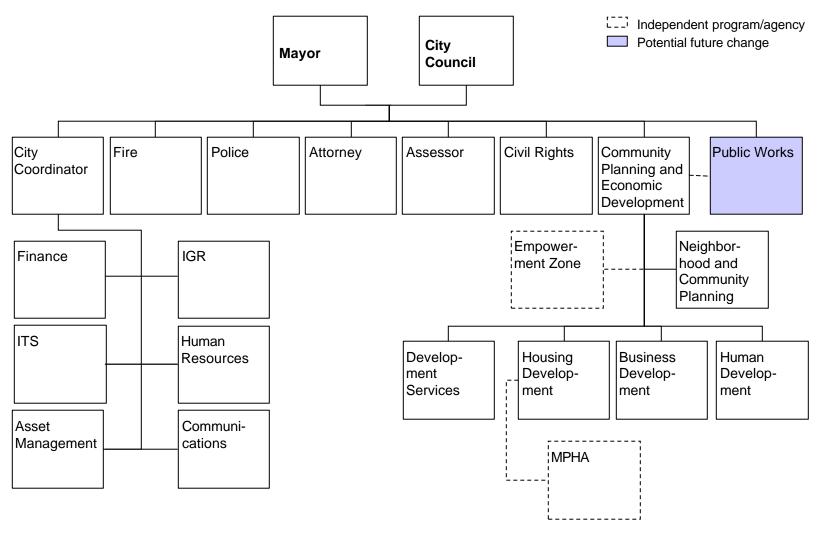
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CITY OVERVIEW – PROPOSED CHANGES

Key changes	Rationale
Create Office of Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED) to oversee and coordinate all city development activity	 Clarifies accountability for development activity Facilitates cooperation and coordination between development-related departments Facilitates interdepartmental tradeoffs to maximize return on development resources
Incorporate MCDA and NRP functions into city structure under CPED	Maximizes alignment and coordination of city development activities
Create a new Neighborhood and Community Planning (NCP) department under CPED that gives neighborhood planning groups a leading role in shaping the city strategies and integrates all city planning activities from Planning, MCDA, Public Works, and other city departments into one organization	 Ensures coordination of development plans and resources Elevates neighborhood planning efforts and links them directly into the development of one city-wide vision
Combine external development support (e.g., Inspections, Licensing, etc.) and internal project support functions (e.g., project finance, contract management) into new Development Services Department under CPED	 Creates clear point of first contact for all development projects Provides foundation for true one-stop shopping (incorporating representatives from all other relevant agencies, e.g., Planning/Zoning, Office of Small Business, Fire) and case management assistance to guide people through the process
Create Housing Development and Business Development Departments under CPED	 Organizes city resources around stated priorities Identifies clear responsibility for meeting housing and job creation goals Ensures that the city pursues nonphysical development activities through the creation of Strategy and Partnerships divisions
Bring current Health and Family Support Department under CPED as Human Development Department	 Recognizes human capital development as foundation for and integral to other development efforts Ties employment programs and other community services to other city development and community building efforts
Ensure alignment between CPED and external city development agencies (i.e. Empowerment Zone and MPHA)	 Ties in entities largely guided by federal mandates but performing related functions Increases impact of city and federal city spending through improved coordination of efforts
Potential future change	
Bring development-related Public Works functions under CPED	 Integrates building and maintenance of city infrastructure with other city development efforts

This move will retain five distinct and independent planning and development departments, but place all development-related activities under a single manager who is directly accountable for meeting city development goals

CITY OVERVIEW – PROPOSED STRUCTURE



Source: Team analysis, City 2002 Adopted Budget

1. The city should ensure coordination between these departments by creating an Office of Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED) to which all five new development departments report

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-

PROPOSED STRUCTURE Independent program/agency Potential future change* Drives all city development Director of activity Community Works with neighborhoods to develop Manages performance of all integrated city plans, above and beyond the Planning and development departments **Economic** current neighborhood plans Leads the four new Development • Ensures all development activities support development processes vision for city • Ensures city efforts aligned with secondary Neighborhood **Empowerment** and Commugoals (e.g., transportation, community Zone nity Planning building via support of the arts) Public Works Business Human Development Housing Department* Services Development Development Development Department Department Department Department Provides first point of Develops and Develops and Builds human Would include at a contact for all implements housing implements job minimum those Public capital through development projects l creation strategy public health Works activities creation strategy · Operates true one- Works with external Supports small and programs, working related to stop shopping for groups (e.g. Family large businesses with School Board development (e.g. development with Housing Fund) to through financing and others on infrastructure and case management support/align efforts and project mgmt. education issues. property development)

Works with key

stakeholders in city

and region to align

Partners with other

development efforts

institutions (e.g. the

University) to create high-tech jobs and other initiatives

Manages

employment

programs

Could also include

functions (e.g.,

transportation)

other Public Works

Source: Team analysis

assistance and

all relevant

departments

Provides project

services for city

management)

representatives from

projects (e.g., contract

Operates home

MPHA

Manages projects

financing programs

^{*} All development related Public Works functions may be moved to CPED after further review. Seven FTEs from Public Works that currently are involved with planning/development services should move to CPED immediately. See page 41.

The Director of CPED will be directly responsible for meeting citywide development goals, ensuring cooperation between departments, and leading the annual development planning process

OFFICE OF THE CPED DIRECTOR – ROLE DESCRIPTIONS

Job responsibilities

Director

- Oversees all development-related departments and is ultimately accountable for achieving the city's stated goals
 - Appoints CPED department heads and holds them directly accountable for departmental performance
 - Provides direction on interdepartmental projects, encouraging cooperation between departments
- Leads development planning process
 - Facilitates Mayor/City Council discussions on goal-setting, priorities, and resource allocation
- Allocates resources between departments, according to Mayor/City Council direction
- Works with department heads to develop specific targets and implementation plans
- Serves as the direct interface and single point of contact for the Mayor and City Council on all development issues
- Facilitates cooperation with non-development departments and external agencies
 - Sits on development boards, including Empowerment Zone
 - Coordinates city support of external efforts (e.g., city assistance with MPHA public housing development)
- Advises Mayor and City Council on development project decisions and broader development policy questions
- Oversees all development spending, and makes spending recommendations to Mayor/City Council

Deputy Director

- Assists and stands in for Director as needed
- Coordinates and oversees large special development projects (e.g., Heritage Park)
- Hired by and reports directly to CPED Director

Policy Aide

- Assists the Director as needed
- Performs analysis and provides strategy recommendation to the Director to inform project and strategic decision-making processes
- · Hired by and reports directly to CPED Director

Administrative Assistant

- Provides administrative support to Director and other office staff
- Hired by and reports directly to CPED Director

2. The city should make it easy to do business in Minneapolis by creating a Development Services department responsible for streamlining development processes and operating a One-Stop Shop for permits, reviews, and approvals DESCRIPTION – DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

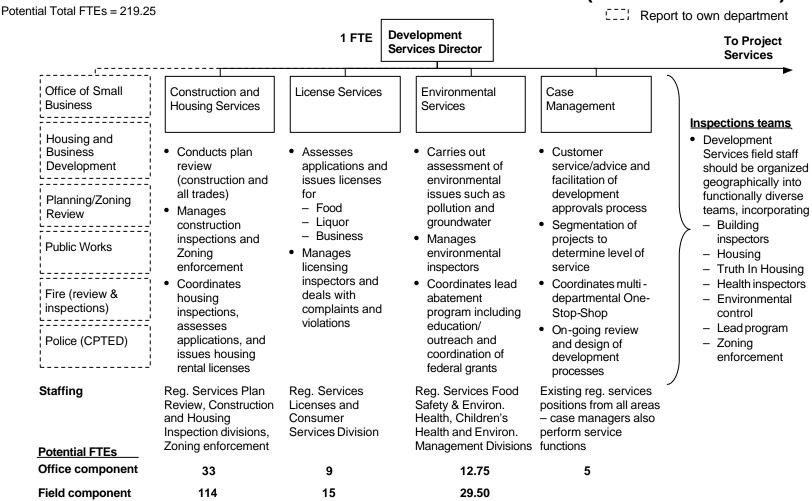
Mission

- To make the city an easy place to do business by streamlining development processes and providing excellent customer service
- To assist public and private development initiatives by providing guidance and project support services
- To ensure that development standards are maintained across the city by providing reliable, fair and consistent inspections services

Key activities

- Guide developers, business people and residents through the development process requirements to ensure consistent information and expectations
- Coordinate the One-Stop Shop and all staff and other departments co-located there
- Provide specialized support services to the Business and Housing Development Departments (including real estate, finance, legal, etc.)
- Perform contract management services for NRP and other city-sponsored projects
- Assess all applications for permits and licenses, providing input where appropriate and making recommendations for approvals
- Conduct inspections to ensure that the standards set in city codes and ordinances are being met, and to help people to improve their properties and businesses

PROPOSED STRUCTURE - DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (ONE-STOP SHOP)

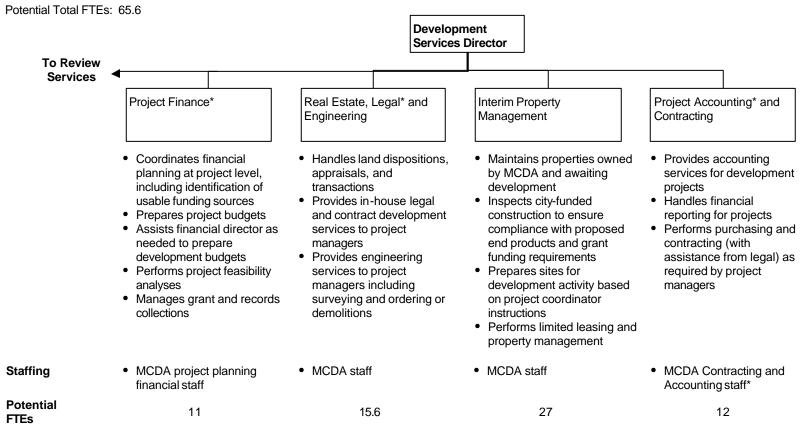


Note: FTE numbers are estimates based on current staffing levels and the proposed functions of each division. These estimates assume that positions which are currently vacant due to the hiring freeze are filled

Note 2: Issuing permits from all city departments through one central entity may also increase efficiency, and merits further study

Source: Interviews, City 2002 Adopted Budget

PROPOSED STRUCTURE – DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (PROJECT SERVICES)



^{*} Alternatively, finance, legal, and accounting personnel could report to their corresponding city departments, reducing decentralization. Regardless of reporting, physically co-locating these staff with other development staff will encourage high quality service

Note: FTE numbers are estimates based on current staffing levels and the proposed functions of each division. These estimates assume that positions which are currently vacant due to the hiring freeze are filled.

Source: Interviews, City 2002 Proposed Budget, team analysis

^{**} From MCDA Administrative Services department. HR and IS functions would be moved to city departments under the City Coordinator's office, but could also remain co-located with Development Services to maintain high levels of service

3. Minneapolis should integrate neighborhoods into city planning by creating a new Neighborhood and Community Planning (NCP) department which provides a holistic, integrated planning approach for city development

DESCRIPTION – NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY PLANNING

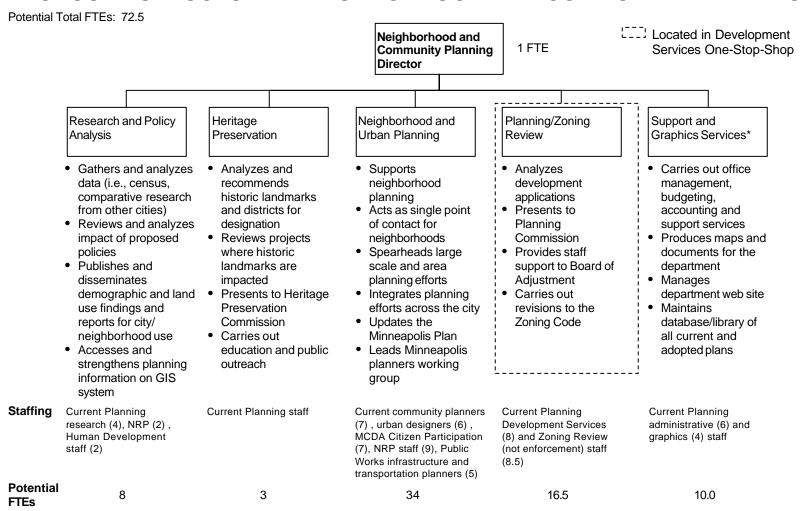
Mission

- To develop high quality, relevant plans at the neighborhood, area and citywide levels and ensure consistency and coordination between them
- To incorporate the needs of the neighborhoods fully into city planning and to elevate their involvement in the processes and functions which affect them
- To actively ensure that all Minneapolis planning and development activities are focused on the five city-defined priorities of housing creation, job/business creation, education, transportation and community building

Key activities

- Continue NRP program providing a higher level of planning expertise and city support
- Maintain close relationships with neighborhoods, facilitated by Neighborhood Liaisons to help coordinate access to city resources and services
- Synchronize planning between all levels (top-down and bottom-up) from the broad vision of the Minneapolis Plan down to specific neighborhood-level plans
- Carry out an integrated approach to planning between all functional areas (neighborhood planning, research, urban design, etc.) citywide through geographic planning teams
- Make continuous improvements to the Minneapolis Plan and Zoning Code to make them stronger, better development tools
- Support fact-based decision making at all levels by providing robust research and analysis to guide development decisions
- Educate the public, developers, neighborhoods, and other entities on the city's plans and the implications for development
- Coordinate with other city agencies (e.g., parks, school and library boards) and regional/state entities (e.g., MNDOT, Hennepin County, Met Council) to achieve integrated planning

PROPOSED STRUCTURE - NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY PLANNING



^{*} Alternatively, graphics services could be moved to Communications to encourage wider use of this service and increase the consistency of city branding

Note: FTE numbers are estimates based on current staffing levels and the proposed functions of each division. These estimates assume that positions which are currently vacant due to the hiring freeze are filled.

Source: Interviews, City 2002 Adopted Budget

The NRP program should continue within NCP, strengthened through connections to greater city resources. Neighborhoods should be encouraged to align their spending with city priorities

PROPOSED NEW PROCESS – NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PROGRAM (NRP)

Current	NRP	process
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- Administered/supported by independent agency (NRP)
- Neighborhoods maintain relationships with multiple city departments/agencies
- Neighborhoods supported primarily by NRP staff

- Neighborhood plans go through NRP's Management Review Team and the Policy Board (with representatives from neighborhoods, the county, Library Board, Parks Board, area foundations, council members, etc.)
- Neighborhoods decide how to spend funds allocated to them, with the exception of competitive funds administered through an Affordable Housing RFP – with projects chosen by the NRP Policy Board

Proposed future neighborhood process

- Administered/supported by integrated city development department— Neighborhood and Community Planning (NCP) — with direct links to other relevant departments
- Neighborhoods assigned a first point-of-contact (Neighborhood Liaison) within NCP to act as a link between the neighborhood and the city
- Neighborhood planning process more fully supported by the city
 - City resources brought in by Community Planner and Neighborhood Liaison working in tandem with neighborhoods through planning and implementation
 - Community Planner assigned to each neighborhood to directly assist in planning and data gathering
 - NCP geographic teams composed of Neighborhood Liaisons,
 Community Planners and planning specialists familiar with issues specific to the neighborhoods/regions – maintain continuity with neighborhoods
 - Neighborhood Liaisons work with other city departments, and external partners to develop curricula and seminars to expand trainings offered and build neighborhood association capacity
- Single board the Neighborhood and Community Planning Policy Board similar in composition to the current NRP Policy Board, which
 - Administers the NRP program, reviewing neighborhood plans and projects
 - Undertakes a broader city planning role by overseeing city planning functions and advising NCP on collaborative planning efforts
- Neighborhoods retain discretion over most NRP funds, but are encouraged
 to align most of their spending with stated city priorities. The city should
 make more active use of RFP processes to provide funding for
 neighborhood-sponsored projects. RFP process requires
 - Neighborhood sponsorship for proposal submission
 - Projects be evaluated and chosen by the NCP Policy Board

Source: Interviews, team analysis

4. The city should recognize housing as a top priority by charging a new housing Development Department to achieve city housing goals

DESCRIPTION – HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Mission

- To improve the quantity, quality and affordability of city housing stock
- To ensure the city achieves its housing goals by catalyzing private, as well as public, housing development activities

Key activities

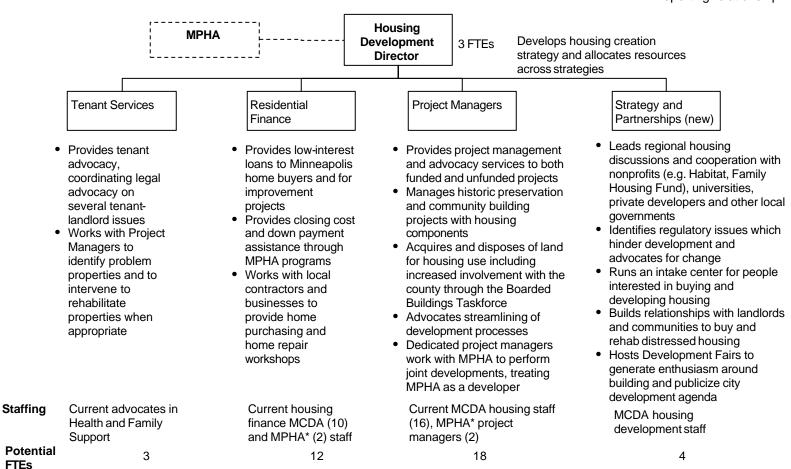
- Develop the city's strategy to achieve housing goals
- Partner with neighborhoods, developers, landlords, nonprofits, and other stakeholders to encourage and facilitate improvement of the housing stock
- Work to ensure MPHA activities are fully aligned and coordinated with city housing development priorities
- Identify housing creation projects which best fit the city's priorities, and provide them with funding and/or project assistance
- Make homeownership in Minneapolis more affordable for families by providing low-interest loans and closing cost assistance
- Identify and recommend changes in processes, policies, and regulations that would make it easier to build and rehabilitate quality housing in Minneapolis
- Help resolve tenant-landlord issues through tenant advocacy services
- Develop creative approaches to housing development, employing best practices from other cities

PROPOSED STRUCTURE – HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Potential Total FTEs: 40

FTEs

Independent agency indicates working, not reporting relationship



^{*} MPHA staff should be co-located with Housing Development staff and report jointly to MPHA and Housing Development. These staff should be funded by MPHA and work exclusively on MPHA-related projects and programs. In all, only 5 MPHA staff are affected by these recommendations

Note: FTE numbers are estimates based on current staffing levels and the proposed functions of each division. These estimates assume that positions which are currently vacant due to the hiring freeze are filled.

Source: Interviews, City 2002 Adopted Budget, MCDA Project Planning and Finance, MCDA Annual Reports

5. A Business Development department should be created to recognize job creation as a top priority and make progress on this agenda, in part through opportunity development activities designed to catalyze private investment DESCRIPTION – BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

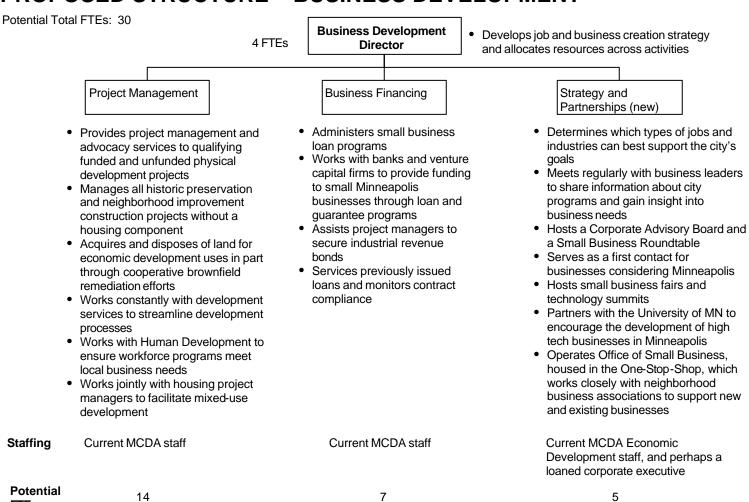
Mission

- To accelerate job growth in Minneapolis, thus creating opportunities for its diverse citizens
- To ensure the city achieves its job creation goals by catalyzing private, as well as public, development activity
- To build a robust corporate tax base to support city and neighborhood programs and keep taxes low

Key activities

- Develop the city's strategy to achieve business development goals, with a focus on targeting neighborhoods with high unemployment, maintaining a vibrant downtown, and assisting small businesses
- Partner with neighborhoods, developers, businesses, local colleges and universities, and entrepreneurs to encourage and facilitate business creation and expansion in Minneapolis
- Identify business development projects which best fit the city's priorities, and provide them with funding and/or project assistance
- Help entrepreneurs to open and run successful small businesses through development, financing, and technical assistance
- Aggressively and responsively communicate with businesses considering moving to or from the Twin Cities
- Ensure Minneapolis reaps the benefits of the region's high growth industry clusters
- Identify and recommend changes in processes, policies and regulations that would make it easier to open and operate a business in Minneapolis
- Develop creative approaches to business development, employing best practices from other cities

PROPOSED STRUCTURE – BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT



Note: FTE numbers are estimates based on current staffing levels and the proposed functions of each division. These estimates assume that positions which are currently vacant due to the hiring freeze are filled.

FTEs

6. The Human Development department should develop the city's workforce and increase city emphasis on education, schools, and youth

DESCRIPTION – HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Mission

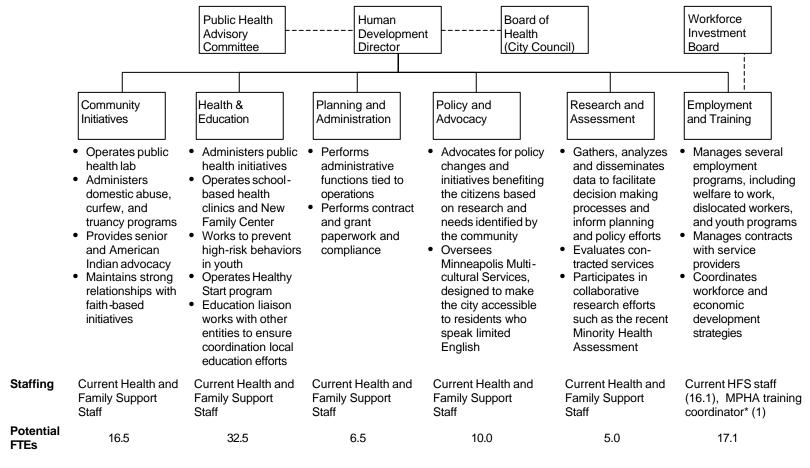
- To build the city's human capital to create a foundation for sustainable community growth
- To ensure sufficient health, advocacy, and education services are available to help Minneapolis residents succeed

Key activities

- Develop the city's strategy to achieve human development goals
- Continue all current community and school-based programs to improve public health
- Help Minneapolis residents to obtain good jobs through the Minneapolis Employment Training Program (METP), a federally funded workforce training program
- Reach out and advocate for new immigrants through the Office of Multicultural Services, as well as through a Human Development Liaison to new immigrant communities
- Support education by developing strategies and ideas for how existing and future development efforts can contribute to improving city schools
- Build relationship with Library Board and Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to ensure facilities use and educational programs are closely tied to city human development goals and priorities
- Integrate health and other human development issues into overall city development plans by working with Neighborhood and Community Planning
- Educate residents and policy makers through thorough research and analysis on public health and human capital development issues
- Provide advocacy for seniors and American Indians

PROPOSED STRUCTURE – HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Potential Total FTEs: 87.6



^{*} MPHA staff should be co-located with Human Development staff and report jointly to MPHA and Housing Development. This position should be funded by MPHA and work exclusively on MPHA-related projects and programs. In all, only 5 MPHA staff are affected by these recommendations

Source: Interviews, City 2002 Adopted Budget

Note: FTE numbers are estimates based on current staffing levels and the proposed functions of each division. These estimates assume that positions which are currently vacant due to the hiring freeze are filled.

7. The city can coordinate development planning with Public Works by moving its planners and project reviewers into CPED. Further study is needed to determine the appropriate location of other Public Works functions PUBLIC WORKS – PROPOSED CHANGES

Recommended actions Rationale **Immediate** Create new roles (from existing • Ensures that Public Works planning, project design and scheduling Public Works staff) for are coordinated with other city and neighborhood plans and longdedicated transportation term goals (1 FTE) and infrastructure Improves communication between staff working on related issues (e.g., transportation) or in similar geographic locations capital improvement planners (4 FTEs) and move to NCP Strengthens CLIC process as PW and NCP planners can make presentations based on overall city vision Locate Public Works Provides the public with a central point of contact in Public Works and helps coordination of the various divisions which are involved in representatives (2 FTEs) within One-Stop Shop sign-offs for development projects Makes Public Works staff accessible to other development staff and vice-versa Combine all Engineering Facilitates communication on infrastructure planning and enables Services staff into one place projects to be managed within a citywide framework and locate near the One-Stop Improves accessibility of engineers to the public to provide input Shop and sign-off on development projects Increases transparency of their activities and public/city staff access Long-term Carry out full-scale review of The department is considered large and unwieldy with many Public Works leading to different functions housed within it. A thorough review could potential departmental help determine the optimal grouping of and responsibility for the redesign various functions Consider bringing Could ensure that Public Works development-related activities development-related functions are aligned and integrated with other city efforts into CPED Reorganization could align appropriate Public Works activities with achievement of city goals by other departments of CPED

KEY BENEFITS OF NEW PROCESSES AND ORGANIZATION

- Makes it easier to do business with the city
- Elevates housing and jobs as main development priorities, and recognizes the importance of transportation, education, and community building to development
- Elevates neighborhoods as main players in citywide planning, thus fulfilling the original intent of the NRP
- Establishes clear accountability for meeting housing and job goals
- Clearly defines the Council's role as setting development strategies
- Charges one manager with ensuring cooperation between development departments
- Assigns clear staff responsibility for pursuing non-physical opportunity development activities (e.g. marketing, partnerships)

Minneapolis faces five critical challenges related to community and economic development

We identified nine major issues the city must address to improve its community and economic development situation

We recommend that the city implement an integrated package of actions to address these financial, strategic, and organizational barriers



Implementation must be timely and should minimize disruption of city services. All process improvements and organizational changes related to jobs and housing, including planning and regulatory changes, should occur within the next 12 months, and within 18 months the entire CPED office should be up and running smoothly

Implementation must be timely and should minimize disruption of city services to be successful

OVERVIEW OF ORGANIZATIONAL TRANSITION

Objective

Execute proposed organizational changes in a timely manner while preserving the quality of city services

Key steps

- Appoint an interim CPED Director* and interim department heads to manage transition
- 2. Establish interim department heads' reporting relationships to CPED Director to ensure immediate coordination of efforts
- 3. Department heads develop plans for minimizing disruption to city operations during departmental transition
- 4. Appoint permanent management personnel
- Begin to shift resources, add new activities and scale back discontinued activities

^{*} If desired or necessary to attract a well-qualified candidate, the Mayor and City Council may choose to appoint a permanent CPED Director immediately

All process improvements and organizational changes related to jobs and housing should occur within the next 12 months, and within 18 months

PHASED IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

Begin as soon as possible

Integrate functions Integrate all core Integrate related requiring further study, functions into CPED functions into CPED if warranted **Actions** · Agree on priorities and goals · Perform an in-depth study of the Move non-workforce functions Implement new development from Health and Family Support Public Works department to needed management processes department, including health and determine which Public Works Make all job- and housing-related advocacy issues, into CPED functions belong within CPED organizational changes, moving under Human Development Move all or parts of Public Works the following into CPED Move relationships focused on into CPED, based on the results Housing and business youth education, including those of this study development activities with the schools, parks, libraries, Integrated planning, including and local colleges into Human NRP and planning functions Development housed in other departments Begin to consider moving Regulatory services development-related Public - Workforce programs, plus the Works functions (e.g. infracreation of an education liaison structure development) into to work with local colleges CPED Rationale These changes are all critical to The city should concentrate its While further study of Public Works is needed, this large effort improved progress against job and resources first on the major housing priorities change required to improve should wait until the new These functions are all inextricably housing and business creation, development processes and linked and must be moved as a then focus on other priorities, organization are largely in place, unit to ensure any impact. Central including education and ensuring near-term focus on the coordination of these development community building development reorganization functions through the CPED office is essential **Timing** Within 6-12 months Within 12-18 months

Source: Team analysis, interviews